

Standard Terms of Sale For Real Estate Purchases

PLEASE NOTE SOME TERMS ARE SPECIFIC FOR AN AUCTION PROCESS AND MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE

1. City of Newburgh acquired title to these properties in accordance with Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and all known rights of redemption under said provisions of law have been extinguished by the tax sale proceedings and/or as a result of forfeiture.
2. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, parcel shall be defined as a section, block and lot number.
3. All real property, including any buildings thereon, is sold "AS IS" and without any representation or warranty whatsoever as to the condition or title, and subject to: (a) any state of facts an accurate survey or personal inspection of the premises would disclose; (b) applicable zoning/land use/building regulations; (c) water and sewer assessments are the responsibility of the purchaser, whether they are received or not; (d) easements, covenants, conditions and rights-of-way of record existing at the time of the levy of the tax, the non-payment of which resulted in the tax sale in which City of Newburgh acquired title; (e) 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school taxes, water rents and assessments, and sewer rents and assessments and any other applicable charges (including, but not limited to, omitted and pro rata taxes, demolition charges, interest and penalties); and (f) for purposes of taxation, the purchaser shall be deemed to be the owner prior to the next applicable taxable status date after the public auction.
4. The properties are sold subject to unpaid school taxes for the tax years of 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 and also subject to all school taxes levied subsequent to the date of the City Council resolution authorizing the sale. The purchaser shall reimburse the City for any school taxes paid by the City for the tax year 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 and subsequent levies up to the date of the closing. Upon the closing, the properties shall become subject to taxation. Water and sewer charges and sanitation fees will be paid by the City to the date of closing.
5. All purchasers are advised to personally inspect the premises and to examine title to the premises prior to the date upon which the sale is scheduled to take place. Upon delivery of the quitclaim deed by the City of Newburgh to the successful purchaser, any and all claims with respect to title to the premises are merged in the deed and do not survive.
6. No personal property is included in the sale of any of the parcels owned by City of Newburgh, unless the former owner or occupant has abandoned same. The disposition of any personal property located on any parcel sold shall be the sole responsibility of the successful purchaser following the closing of sale.
7. All informational tools, such as slides, tax maps, deeds, photos, auction listings, auction catalogs, auction signs, property record cards, etc., are for identification purposes only and are neither a guarantee nor a warranty as to location, dimensions, parcel use and/or size, or anything else. **THE CITY, THE AUCTIONEER, AND THE BROKER MAKE NO WARRANTY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SALE.**
8. The City of Newburgh reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withdraw from the auction any of the properties listed on the schedule of real property.
9. Notice is hereby given that the premises being sold may lie within a Historic District or Design District as designated upon the zoning or tax map. It is the sole responsibility of any bidder to ascertain which specific parcel(s) is so designated and sold subject to the provisions of law applicable thereto.
10. **WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOSS OF THE PROPERTY AFTER PURCHASE.** The deed will contain provisions stating that the purchaser is required to rehabilitate any building on the property and bring it into compliance with all State, County and Local standards for occupancy within (18) months of the date of the deed. Within such eighteen (18) month time period the purchaser must either: obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for all buildings on the property; make all buildings granted a Certificate of Occupancy before the date of purchase fit for the use stated in such Certificate of Occupancy; or demolish such buildings. The deed shall require the purchaser to schedule an inspection by City officials at or before the end of the eighteen (18) month period. If the purchaser has not complied with the deed provisions regarding rehabilitation of the property and obtained a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance by that time, then the title to the property shall revert to the City of Newburgh. The deed shall also provide that the property shall not be conveyed to any other person before a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance is issued. A written request made to the City Manager for an extension of the eighteen (18) month rehabilitation period shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 per parcel

for which a request is submitted. The City Manager may, in her sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to rehabilitate of up to, but not to exceed, three (3) months. Any additional request thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.

11. Successful bidders that have agreed to purchase the property subject to the five (5) year owner occupancy restriction shall, within 18 months of the delivery of the deed, establish their domicile and principal residence at said premises and maintain their domicile and principal residence at said premises for a period of at least five (5) years thereafter, provided that within said five (5) year period, the purchaser may convey said premises to another who shall also maintain their domicile and principal residence at said premises for said period. This shall be set forth as a restrictive covenant in the deed, subject upon its breach, to a right of re-entry in favor of the City of Newburgh. This shall be in addition to all other provisions, covenants and conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.
12. The City makes no representation, express or implied, as to the condition of any property, warranty of title, or as to the suitability of any for any particular use or occupancy. Properties may contain paint or other similar surface coating material containing lead. Purchasers shall be responsible for the correction of such conditions when required by applicable law. Properties also may contain other environmental hazards. Purchasers shall be responsible for ascertaining and investigating such conditions prior to bidding. Purchasers shall be responsible for investigating and ascertaining from the City Building Inspector's records the legal permitted use of any property prior to closing. Bidder acknowledges receipt of the pamphlet entitled "Protecting Your Family From Lead in Your Home." Bidder also acknowledges that he/she has had the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection of the premises for the presence of lead-based paint, lead-based paint hazards or mold.
13. The owner of the property, or his agent, shall not be permitted to bid on the property or purchase same at the public auction, unless the amount exceeds the amount of tax arrears. If the former owner reacquires the property, all liens existing prior to the foreclosure, will be reinstated and the purchaser (former owner) must sign an agreement to reinstate the liens. Purchaser shall provide information necessary to complete, and shall execute, the necessary forms and documents required for recording the deed in the City of Newburgh Clerk's Office. Offer to Purchase Form and sale cannot be assigned. Unless the City agrees in writing, the purchaser executing the auction terms and conditions of sale may not assign or otherwise transfer his right to complete the bid. The deed prepared will be in the name of the successful bidder (and spouse) only. No third party bidding will be accepted, unless the bidder identifies that he is bidding as an agent for a disclosed principal.
14. The auctioneer's decision regarding any disputes is final, and the auctioneer reserves the right to reject any bid that is not an appreciable advancement over the proceeding bid.
15. The Purchaser will execute an Offer to Purchase form before the end of each auction day for each property he/she is the successful bidder on. The approval of each bid by Resolution of the Newburgh City Council will not constitute a Contract of Sale and the City reserves the right to reject any bid prior to the closing of title and the recording of the deed.
16. The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of a ten percent (10%) buyer's premium in addition to the accepted purchase price and the closing fees/costs.
17. All required deposits must be paid in full for all successful bids by the end of each auction day. Any successful bidder, who fails to tender the deposit at the end of each auction day, will be forbidden to participate in this or any other auction. Any parcels which the City did not receive deposits for by the end of each auction day will be considered to be defaulted. An attempt will be made to offer the property to the second highest bidder by telephone first, then resold on the last day of the auction at 3:00pm. If a purchaser fails to close on the parcel(s) that he/she bids on at the auction, he/she will be prohibited from participating at future auctions held for the City of Newburgh. Additionally, if a declared high bidder at the auction leaves the auction without making the required down payment, he/she will be prohibited from participating at future auctions held by NYSAuctions.com, Haroff Auction & Realty, Inc., Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc., and the City of Newburgh reserves the right to take legal action against this high bidder.
18. \$250.00 or 20% of the total contract price (total contract price is the combination of the high bid and the 10% buyer's premium), whichever is higher, shall be paid as a down payment on the day of the auction upon execution of an Offer to Purchase Form. Total contract prices selling for less than \$250.00 must be paid in full at auction. All recording costs and transfer taxes shall be paid by the purchaser. **All deposits must be in cash or guaranteed funds made payable to the "City of Newburgh Comptroller" and drawn on banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). No exceptions.**
19. All bids shall be subject to approval by the Newburgh City Council, which shall have the right, in the Council's sole discretion, to reject any bid for any reason whatsoever.

20. The entire balance of the purchase price, the 10% buyer's premium, and all closing costs/fees must be paid by cash or guaranteed funds to the City of Newburgh Comptroller's Office on or before _____. **The City is not required to send notice of acceptance to a purchaser. If the purchaser fails to pay the balance of the purchase price as herein provided, the deposit shall be forfeited.** The City Manager may, in her sole discretion and for good cause shown, grant one extension of time to close title of up to, but not to exceed, sixty (60) additional days. No request shall be entertained unless in writing, stating the reasons therefore, and unless accompanied by a fee of \$250.00 per parcel for which a request is submitted. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees and deposits and shall not be credited against the purchase price and shall not be returnable. In addition, should any bidder fail to close within the time set forth above, the entire deposit shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages without further notice to the bidder. Any additional request made thereafter shall be made in writing and placed before the City Council for their consideration.
21. Previously defaulting parties are not allowed to bid. If a purchaser owes any outstanding and delinquent taxes to City of Newburgh, those delinquent taxes must be paid in full prior to closing on any purchases made at this auction. Failure to comply with this provision will be grounds for default and forfeiture of any deposits paid.
22. If the successful bidder fails to tender such amount due by the close of business on _____, then, the City may, but is not obligated to offer any unsold property to the second highest bidder. All terms and conditions for the sale set forth herein above shall apply to the second highest bidder and/or any other purchaser.
23. In the event that a sale is cancelled by court order, judgment, the Comptroller or the Newburgh City Council, the successful bidder shall be entitled only to a refund of the purchase money paid with interest. Purchasers agree that they shall not be entitled to special or consequential damages, attorney's fees, reimbursement for any expenses incurred as a result of ownership, improvements of property, or for taxes paid during period of ownership, and this agreement by the purchaser is a material condition of the sale.
24. All sales shall be final, absolute and without recourse once title has closed and the deed has been recorded. In no event, shall City of Newburgh and/or Haroff Auction & Realty and Absolute Auction & Realty be or become liable for any defects in title for any cause whatsoever, and no claim, demand or suit of any nature shall exist in favor of the purchaser, its heirs, success or assigns, against City of Newburgh and/or Haroff Auction & Realty and Absolute Auction & Realty arising from this sale.
25. Conveyance shall be by quitclaim deed only, containing a description of the property as it appeared on the tax roll for the year upon which the City acquired title or as corrected up to date of deed. The deed will be recorded by the City upon payment in full of the purchase price, buyer's premium, and closing fees/costs. Possession of property is forbidden until the deed is recorded conveying title to the purchaser. **Title vests upon recording of deed.**
26. Upon closing, the City shall deliver a quitclaim deed conveying all of its right, title and interest in the subject property, which deed shall be drawn by the City Corporation Counsel. The City shall not convey its interest in any street, water, sewer or drainage easement, or any other interest the City may have in the property. The City shall only convey that interest obtained by the City pursuant to the judgment rendered in an *in rem* tax foreclosure action filed in the Orange County Clerk's Office.
27. The description of the property shall be from the City of Newburgh Tax Map reference or a survey description certified to the City of Newburgh and provided to the City Corporation Counsel by the purchaser at least thirty (30) days in advance of closing title and approved by the City's Consulting Engineer.
28. Evictions, if necessary, are solely the responsibility of the successful bidder after closing and recording of the deed.
29. The successful purchaser on each auction parcel must remove the auction sign within seven (7) days after the recording of the deed.
30. By acknowledging and executing these Terms & Conditions, the purchaser certifies that he/she is not representing the former owner(s) of the property against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed and has no intent to defraud City of Newburgh of the unpaid taxes, assessment, penalties and charges which have been levied against the property. The purchaser agrees that neither he/she nor his/her assigns shall convey the property to the former owner(s) against whom City of Newburgh foreclosed within 24 months subsequent to the auction date. If such conveyance occurs, the purchaser understands that he/she may be found to have committed fraud, and/or intent to defraud, and will be liable for any deficiency between the purchase price at auction and such sums as may be owed to City of Newburgh as related to the foreclosure on the property and consents to immediate judgment by City of Newburgh for said amounts.